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## FIRST BANKER HOME.

### Sch. Sceptre Brings News of the Bank Fleet.

#### Flag Half Mast for Loss of Two of Her Crew.

Sch. Sceptre, Capt. William Larkin, arrived home from the Peak this morning with 90,000 pounds of salt codfish, being the first vessel of the salt bank fleet to arrive home this season with a fare.

Capt. Larkin reports that fish, with the exception of a few days, have been very scarce on the Peak, but that just before he started for home, about a week ago, there were signs of fair fishing again. The salt bank fleet as a whole, nearly all of them having been fishing on the Peak, had done but little, and while a few had done fairly well, some had taken very few fish.

After taking out this fare, the Sceptre will again sail for the banks, this time for a long summer trip.

The Sceptre when she arrived had her flag at half mast for the loss of two of her crew as previously reported, but the names of the unfortunate men had been incorrectly given out. The men lost were Randal Surrrette and Jerome Cotreau.

The accident happened on April 2. The men had gone out to haul their trawls, which had been set the evening before, and some time after they were gone, the weather began to look threatening and the flag was set in the rigging for the dories to return. It was two hours before the first dory came back, and the weather held fairly good and not very rough until all the dories had chafed the side, excepting the one containing Surrrette and Cotreau.

Then it began to blow hard and got very rough. Earlier in the day the dory had been seen from the rigging, but later it disappeared, and a careful search failed to disclose its whereabouts, and there is no doubt but what the occupants were lost by the capsizing of their craft.

Cotreau was 44 years old, a native of Tusket Wedge, N. S., and leaves a widow and seven children. He is well known in this city and was a master mariner, having sailed salt banking from this port in 1903 in command of sch. Georgie Campbell of this port.

Surrrette was 23 years old, single, and a native of Tusket Wedge, N. S.

#### Bait News.

Schs. Lelia E. Norwood and Masconomo sailed from Edgartown on Sunday and sch. Ella G. King arrived there the same day. Over 200 barrels of alewives were taken there the Friday night and bait is plenty there now. Bait is now scarce to the eastward and skippers telegraphing down that way yesterday were unable to get hold of any. John Nagle & Co. are baiting schs. Mary E. Silveria and Belbina P. Domingoes here today with fresh alewives.

#### Fine Stock.

Sch. Agnes, Capt. James H. Goodwin, stocked \$3009.02 as the result of her recent fresh halibut trip, the crew sharing \$72.31. Capt. Goodwin is striking his old time gait and his many friends hope that his good fortune will continue.

#### First Essex Alewives.

Frank Stevens, the Fort wharf fish and bait dealer, received eight barrels of fresh alewives from Essex this morning, the first from there this season.

## SCH. GRAMPUS INSPECTED.

### Appropriation May Be Made for Extensive Alterations.

Chief Clerk Dunlop of the Bureau of Fisheries was here from Washington on Saturday and made a very thorough inspection of the United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus which is now fitting out at this port for her usual cruise for seed lobsters along the Maine coast.

The inspection covered every part of the craft, and it is probable that a special appropriation to cover many needed improvements and also to equip the craft with gasoline auxiliary power may be secured.

## UNUSUALLY HEAVY.

### Is the Ice Main in Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The steamer Algerine, which has arrived at St. John's, N. F., with a heavy catch of seals, reports that the ice in the gulf of St. Lawrence is unprecedentedly heavy, and that steamers will be unable to enter there for weeks yet.

The steamer Grand Lake, which also has arrived from the sealing field, had her bows badly shattered by a collision with an iceberg, and was leaking badly.

## SCH. PATRICIAN AT NEW YORK.

### With Fifty Barrels of Large Fresh Mackerel.

#### SECOND TRIP OF SEASON.

#### First Fare To Be Landed at Fulton Market.



The new sch. Patrician of this port, Capt. Wesley Farmer, arrived at Fulton Market, New York, this forenoon with 50 barrels of fresh mackerel.

This is the first fare of fresh mackerel since the first fare of the season was landed at Fortress Monroe on April 10 with 34 barrels. The fare of the Patrician is therefore the second of what has thus far been a very dull spring and the first of the season to be landed at New York.

Capt. Farmer's many friends will be pleased to hear that he has started in so well in his new craft and hope that he will keep it up.

The fare of sch. Patrician amounted to 2100 in count and were sold at 50 cents each.

#### First Rips Trip.

Sch. Jubilee, Capt. Oscar Lyons, arrived this forenoon with the first Rips cod trip of the season, having 12,000 pounds of salt cod, and 1400 pounds of fresh halibut.

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Niagara, Georges, 20,000 lbs. cod, 10,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Brown's Bank, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Malicia Enos, Provincetown, 20,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Ralph E. Eaton, Provincetown, 80,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sloop Magnolia, Provincetown, 20,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sloop Betsy Ross, Provincetown, 17,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sloop Gracie, Provincetown, 17,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Motor, south, netting.

Sch. Queen of the Sea, south, netting.

Sch. James A. Garfield, pollocking.

Sch. American, fresh and salt cod fishing.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, headline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave bank, \$1.87 1-2; medium \$1.50 cusk, \$1.62 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.

### Boston.

Sch. Lizzie B. Foster, 15,000 pollock.

Sch. Yankee, 1000 haddock, 6800 cod.

Sch. Valentinna, 300 haddock, 10,700 cod.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 1000 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Dido, 14,000 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Joseph Warren, 25,000 pollock.

Sch. Barbara, 25,000 pollock.

Sch. Dorothy, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 26,000 haddock, 3100 cod, 17,000 hake, 1500 cusk.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 8000 cod.

Sch. Dixie, 1900 cod.

Sch. Rapidan, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. James S. Steele, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 70,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, 14,000 haddock, 600 cod.

Sch. Emily Cooney.

Haddock, \$3; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1 to \$1.25; cusk, \$1.80.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Blue Jacket, Atalanta Bohemia and Oregon were at Canso on Saturday. Schs. Harry A. Nickerson, Mabel D. Hines and A. E. Whyland sailed from there the same day.

Sch. Hiram Lowell arrived at Liverpool on Saturday.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith arrived at Rockland, Me., Monday, and took on ice. She will also pick up a cargo of bait in that vicinity.

### Quiser Fish Captured.

A very fine specimen of the ocean pipefish was taken recently on the foreshore at Lerwick, Shetland Island. It is of the genus *nerophis*, which is no longer classed with *syngnathus*, being in several respects, notably in the ventral parts, wholly differentiated therefrom. The species is common to the Orkneys and Shetlands, as well as on the west coast of France. It occurs in the Mediterranean and north to near Tromso.—Fishing Gazette.



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## FISHING SEASON OPENED.

### Sportsmen Already on the Scene. Some Large Catches Reported.

Ho for the woods! And why not? What sportsman that has ever tested of the fascinating sport of New England fishing, when the trout are running well in the streams and brooks, when the salmon are swashing in the land-locked lakes and the hundreds of ponds and rivers of Northern New England are teeming with an endless variety of finny inhabitants, eagerly awaiting a nibble at the fisherman's delicate but dangerous morsel, delays departure, once sunny spring lifts the lid from his favorite lake or stream, and invites "Sir Walton" to reel and "reel" in the "wise man's sport." The season is on; of course everybody knows that the ban was raised April 1st, but perhaps the ice isn't out. Well, it depends upon your resort. Maine has not yet shaken all her icy shackles—some of the large lakes are making desperate efforts though, and every day the welcome news, "she's clear" is expected. New Hampshire, however, is practically all free, and Winnepesaukee is giving forth her usual donation of black bass, cusk, pickerel, perch, trout, etc. Newfound Lake has a reputation for its stock of land-locked salmon, lake trout, pickerel, blue bass and perch. Sunapee is being fished for trout, bass, land-locked salmon and large white trout, and the Connecticut Lakes are sending some likely samples of speckled trout—some whoppers from this lake have already been seen (and told.)

In Vermont, Memphremagog is furnishing the finest varieties of lake trout, black bass, pickerel, horn pout, white fish and perch. Lake Champlain contains bass, muscalonge, perch and pickerel, and Willoughby carries the large sizes of muscalonge and trout.

In Maine, Sebago is the first to present a salmon offering; but the Rangeley's, Moosehead, Grand Lake and Maine's other sixteen hundred ponds and lakes shortly follow, and as the ice leaves, the army of anglers enter. Just send a two cent stamp to the General Passenger Department, Boston and Maine Railroad, Boston, for the booklet, "Fishing and Hunting," accompanied by a booklet giving the Fish and Game Laws of Northern New England and Canada; then you will know just what to do, where to go and how to get there.

### The Fisheries Co. Annual Report.

The Fisheries Co., a corporation organized for the purpose of manufacturing menhaden oil and fertilizer, has made public its report for the year 1904, says the New York Commercial. The statement shows net profits for the year of only \$48,838, against \$473,303 in 1903, and \$493,406 in 1902, which represents a loss compared with 1903, of \$444,465 and \$444,567 compared with 1902. The operating expenses were only slightly under those of the preceding years.

### Eat the First Shad Caught.

According to the Philadelphia Telegraph the first shad of the season caught in the Delaware is never sold. To do so, according to a legend as old as Gloucester, would bring bad luck to the fishermen. So the shad No. 1 is always cooked and eaten by the men who are to manipulate the great seine net.—Fishing Gazette.

### Fishermen Always First.

When volunteers were called for to take vessels into Port Arthur for the purpose of blocking the channel, those who insisted most strongly on being allowed to go to almost certain death were the honest fishermen, and in every achievement of the present war the fishermen in the navy have played a prominent part.—Fishing Gazette.

## BAIT AT ST. PIERRE.

### Big Firm Will Be Ready with Caplin.

### Less French Bankers, So Chance for Americans.

The following letter has been received by Capt. John Chisholm, the well known vessel owner of this city, with the request that it be printed in all the local papers in order that it may be given as wide publicity as possible. It certainly will be of interest to firms having vessels in the salt bank fishery and the skippers and crews of the same:

Consular Service, U. S. A.

Sydney, N. S., April 20, 1905.

Capt. John Chisholm, Gloucester, Mass.

Dear Sir:—I received a letter from E. Sire & Co., at St. Pierre, Miquelon, this morning, copy of which I enclose to you, with their business cards, stating that caplin for bait could be procured at that port by our American fishing vessels, and the same may be of interest to you and others at Gloucester that own and fit vessels, especially if the Newfoundland government are to strictly enforce the purchase of bait in their ports, as I see noted in the daily press.

If you think it advisable and know this firm to be reliable, will you please give this matter prominence in Gloucester for the benefit of all concerned.

Yours very truly,

George N. West, American Consul.

The St. Pierre firm mentioned in the above letter states that there will be but 60 French vessels fitted out there this season instead of 200 as formerly. As caplin can be had in goodly quantities, they say this will give Americans a better chance to procure a supply of bait which doubtless they will greatly appreciate.

### Caught Off New Jersey Coast.

The fare of fresh mackerel of the sch. Patrician were caught off the lower end of the New Jersey coast.

## MACKEREL WERE WILD.

### But Fair Body Was Seen Off Cape Henlopen.

### Writes Capt. Wesley Farmer of Sch. Patrician.

A letter from Capt. Wesley Farmer of the new sch. Patrician, which arrived at New York yesterday with the first fare of fresh mackerel landed at that port this season, states that he likes his new craft very much.

In speaking of the mackerel outlook, Capt. Farmer stated that he took his fish 40 miles southeast by east from Cape Henlopen last Sunday evening just at dusk. There appeared to be a fair body of mackerel but they were very wild. Twenty sail of seiners were there at the time and eight of them made sets, but the Patrician was the only one to stop any mackerel.

### Good Stock.

Sch. Arbutus, Capt. Charles Flygore, stocked \$2531.60 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$69.02.

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Tacoma, Grand Bank, 5000 lbs. cod, 30,000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Lady Antrim, Provincetown, 250,000 lbs. salt pollock.  
Sch. J. P. Foster, Jr., Provincetown, 600 qts. cured pollock.  
Sch. Olga, Brown's Bank, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Frank Foster, Provincetown, 5000 lbs. fresh cod, 45,000 lbs. fresh pollock.  
Sch. M. Madeleine, shore.  
Sch. Dorothy, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Rebecca Bartlett, Georges.  
Sch. Alena F. Young, south, marker 1 netting.  
Sch. Mary Cabral, shore.  
Sch. William H. Cross, shore.

### Boston.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 12,000 hadd ck.  
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 200 cod.  
Sch. Pearl, 2300 cod.  
Sch. Galena, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Frances Silva, 20,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Sea Fox, 17,000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Mary Edith.  
Sch. Annie Perry.  
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 35,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 4500 haddock.  
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 1500 cod, 15,000 hake 1000 cusk.  
Sch. Minerva, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Torpedo, 9000 cod.  
Sch. Crescent, 8000 pollock.  
Sch. Amelia Enos, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Water Witch, 300 cod, 7000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$2.10 to \$2.25; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.12 1-2.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Alice R. Lawson, Columbia and Parthia, were at Canso, N. S., last Monday.  
Schs. Senator Gardner, Flirt, Gladiator, Henry M. Stanley and Blue Jacket sailed from Canso, N. S., last Monday.  
Sch. Senator Gardner arrived at Queens port, N. S., on Monday and schs. Elector, Horace B. Parker and Hazel R. Hines sailed from there the same day.  
Sch. S. P. Willard cleared from Liverpool, N. S., last Monday.  
Sch. William Matheson sailed from Bucksport yesterday for the Magdalene Islands.  
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson will now fit for sailing under command of Capt. Albert Larkin.

### GOOD TRIP.

### Sch. Francis P. Mesquita at Boston with 110,000 Pounds Fish.

The new sch. Francis P. Mesquita is at Boston today with her third trip, having the large fare of 110,000 pounds fresh mixed fish. Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, the owner and master, is maintaining his record of the past years in the fresh fishery, the new craft having landed large trips each time since she was launched.

### Big Pollock Trip.

Sch. Lady Antrim arrived here from Provincetown yesterday with probably the largest fare of salt pollock ever landed, 250,000 pounds. The big trip was sold to William F. Moore & Co. The fish are of good size and quality.

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